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SUBJECT: UNESCO: DIRGEN'S REPRESENTATIVES TO OCCUPIED  
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1. DEPT. INFORMED IN SEPARATE TALKS WITH NAJMAN (UNESCO  
ASST. DIRGEN) AND BAR-ON (MINISTER, ISRAELI EMBASSY) THAT  
FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON MET WITH NAJMAN SEPTEMBER 27 IN  
NEW YORK AND PROPOSED TWO-STAGE APPROACH TO VISIT OF  
DIRGEN REPS TO GATHER INFORMATION RE EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL  
INSTITUTIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. TWO STAGES WOULD  
CONSIST OF: (A) BRIEF PRELIMINARY VISIT BEFORE GENERAL  
CONFERENCE (GC) (OCTOBER 11-15 WERE DATES ALLON SUGGESTED)  
BY ONLY ONE OF THREE PROPOSED REPS (VLATKO VELEBIT OF  
YUGOSLAVIA) ACCOMPANED BY A STAFF AIDE; AND (B) LONGER  
VISIT BY ALL THREE DIRGEN'S REPS NEXT YEAR.

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2. ISRAELI PROPOSAL FOR TWO-STAGE APPROACH ALSO ACCOMPANIED BY ALLON'S INSISTENCE ON SEVERAL POINTS: PRELIMINARY STAGE WOULD INVOLVE MEETINGS WITH ISRAELI AUTHORITIES BUT NOT VISITS TO ANY EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES; THERE WOULD BE NO ADVANCE PUBLICITY RE VISIT AND VISIT WOULD NOT BE

RELATED TO RESOLUTION OF 1974 GENERAL CONFERENCE; M'BOW WOULD COMMIT HIMSELF TO WORK AGAINST ANY ANTI-ISRAELI MEASURES AT FORTHCOMING GENERAL CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO NAJMAN'S ACCOUNT OF MEETING, ISRAELIS PRESENTED THESE POINTS IN "PIECE OF PAPER" WHICH WOULD BE SENT TO AND RECEIVED BY M'BOW.

3. NAJMAN INFORMED US THAT TWO-STAGE APPROACH ACCEPTABLE TO UNESCO SIDE "IN PRINCIPLE" SINCE IT WOULD ENABLE DIRGEN TO MAKE CASE TO GC (ARABS IN PARTICULAR) THAT "DOOR HAS BEEN OPENED" INTO SITUATION OF EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES-DOOR WHICH CAN BE ENTERED IN 1977 AND BEYOND. NEVERTHELESS, NAJMAN SAID HE HAD GONE BACK TO ISRAELIS IN NEW YORK, FOLLOWING TELEPHONIC CONSULTATIONS WITH M'BOW'S AIDES IN PARIS, TO INSIST THAT (A) INITIATIVE FOR TWO-STAGE APPROACH CANNOT COME FROM DIRGEN AND MUST COME FROM GOI; (B) UNESCO SIDE COULD NOT ACCEPT "PIECE OF PAPER" CONTAINING ISRAELI POINTS, ALTHOUGH NAJMAN GUARANTEED POINTS WOULD BE FULLY AND FAITHFULLY TRANSMITTED.

4. NAJMAN SOUNDED CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT ISRAELIS WOULD RECONSIDER POINTS HE HAD RAISED (PER PARA 3 ABOVE) AND RESPOND IN TERMS ACCEPTABLE TO UNESCO SIDE. BAR-ON OFFERED NO COMMENTS ON THIS POINT, BUT HE STRESSED THAT ALLON WANTED U.S. TO KNOW HE MADE ADDITIONAL EFFORT WITH ISRAELI CABINET ON THIS ISSUE AS DIRECT RESULT OF OUR APPROACH TO MINISTER BAR-ON LAST WEEK (REF A). ALTHOUGH BAR-ON LEFT US WITH IMPRESSION ISRAELIS WILL INSIST ON SPECIFYING THEIR UNDERSTANDINGS IN THE "PIECE OF PAPER," HE ALSO IMPLIED THEY WOULD LEAVE DISPOSITION OF "PIECE OF PAPER" STRICTLY TO NAJMAN. WE TOLD ISRAELIS WE WERE PLEASED WITH SPECIAL EFFORT ALLON HAD MADE TO DEAL WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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DIFFICULT TACTICAL SITUATION M'BOW FACES, AND EXPRESSED HOPE REMAINING DETAILS COULD BE THRASHED OUT BETWEEN GOI AND M'BOW IN SATISFACTORY FASHION. KISSINGER

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